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SUBJ: SADAT TEHRAN VISIT

REF: TEHRAN 6367, TEHRAN 6629, STATE 145658

1. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AT AUDIENCE ON AFTERNOON JULY 6 SHAH STATED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD ASKED FOR NOTHING IN THE WAY OF FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DURING HIS RECENT VIST HERE. THE SHAH COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY A SMART ATTITUDE FOR SADAT TO TAKE SINCE IT PUT HIM IN GOOD POSITION TO MAKE REQUESTS LATER ON. WHEN I RESPONDED BY SAYING, QUOTE DID PRESIDENT SADAT NOT EVEN ASK FOR YOUR GUARANTEE OF COMMERCIAL BANK LOANS END QUOTE, THE SHAH REPLIED, QUOTE HE ASKED FOR NOTHING END QUOTE. (CF. PARA 6, STATE 145658) THE SHAH WENT ON TO SAY THAT IRANIAN AND EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES WERE STILL WORKING ON PREVIOUS IRANIAN AID COMMITMENTS BUT THAT NOTHING NEW HAD BEEN GENERATED IN THE COURSE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HERE.

2. COMMENT: THIS WOULD SEEM TO RESOLVE THE QUANDARY CAUSED BY THE INABILITY OF EITHER TEHRAN OR CAIRO TO GET SOLID INFORMATION ON NEW ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. INCIDENTALLY, THE SHAH WAS STILL INSISTING YESTERDAY THAT IRAN IS QUOTE HARD PRESSED FINANCIALLY END QUOTE.

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